Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(3) May I know why?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The reason is given in answer to question No. 358. There are some points under discussion and therefore it is not possible to disclose the facts.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is an agreement with a private party confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It depends on the circumstances. I cannot say off-hand whether a particular document is a public document or not.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What about this particular document?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is at present confidential.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The publication of the agreement sometimes affects adversely the interests of the contractors. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It might sometimes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it should be produced in a Civil Court, will it not be made public?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know as a matter of fact whether any fresh agreement is going to be entered into?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Supply of Koramaradu to the Anamalais Timber Trust.

360. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government supplied Koramaradu logs to the Anamalais Timber Trust;

2. if so, at what rate; and
3. on what conditions;
4. and the quantity contracted for;
5. the quantity taken charge of till date;
6. and the value due on these;
7. and the value realised?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

2. At Re. 1 per c. ft.
3. On payment of dues within 3 months from the date of bills.
4. A maximum quantity of 12,000 c. ft.
5. 8,12962 c. ft.
6. Rs. 8,129—10—0
7. The value has not yet been remitted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(7) Are permits issued for the transport of timber before the value has been fully remitted?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes. That is on the basis of a definite agreement.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—(6) May I know when the amount was due?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The amount was due on 11th Medam 1108.

Allowances to Municipal Chairmen.

361. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what allowance the Chairmen of the different Municipalities are paid at present;

(b) what is the area of each Municipality in the State;

(c) what is the length of roads and lanes in each Municipality;

(d) whether the question of granting a vehicle allowance to the Chairman apart from the present allowance has been considered by the Government;

(e) whether the Government have considered the question of exempting the Chairmen from paying vehicle-tax for the vehicle personally used by them;

(f) the vehicle-tax paid by Chairmen of each Municipality in the years 1105, 1106, 1107 and 1108?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

	Trichur.	Ernakulam.	Mattancheri.	Chittur.
(a)	Rs. 50	Rs. 50	Rs. 50	Rs. 40
(b)	4·87 sq. miles.	About 6 sq. miles.	1,720 acres or 2·69 sq. miles.	3·7 sq. miles.
(c)	Roads 30 miles 7 furlongs. Lanes—21 miles 6 furlongs.	Nearly 22 miles.	19 miles. 10 miles.	16 miles 7 furlongs 12 miles 7 furlongs.

(d) The present allowance is the conveyance allowance.

(e) Yes. But it was not sanctioned.

(f)

	Trichur. Rs.	Ernakulam. Rs.	Mattancheri. Rs.	Chittur. Rs.
1105	..	..	..	12—8—0
1106	50	75	..	25
1107	50	....	..	..
1108	50	..	..	..

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